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NEWS SUMMARY.

Foreign.—Gen. Lew. Wallace demands indemnity from the Porte for American citizens. —Mr. Bradlaugh anxious to swear. —Agrarian agitation, Pskov and Vitebsk, Russia. —Czar's strychnine, so they say. —Many disasters in England and thereabouts, by late tide. —Labor crisis in Paris. —Statue of Garfield ordered in Berlin for San Francisco. —Chinese "Gordon," Governor General of Soudan, arrives at Khartoum, and suspends the operations; Sir Samuel Baker says his position is extremely dangerous. —French forces quiet in Tonquin.

Domestic.—Inquiry into Gay Head disaster postponed through Captain Wright's illness. —Long Island oysters to be legally protected against star fish. —Glass worked strike, Pittsburgh, ended. —Blain "booming up" for President. —Billy McGilroy, on the contrary, decidedly in deep gloom, being convicted under excise law. —Feudant and Di Cesnola still elinched. —"Logan" clubs forming in Nebraska; that is a long way from home. —Hazing at Annapolis. —Rowell, of Batavia, murderer, pronounced insane by experts and acquitted. —Conspiracy to defraud Legion of Honor detected. —Fancy Stock show closed. —Ditto Bartholdi Exhibition in Brooklyn. —Cleveland man finds a photographic mare's nest, discovering how to take pictures on wood. —"Gath and Truth" having a libel suit; cheap tailoring. —Patriarch's Ball, in which the patriarchs prance youthfully. —New well of Mecca on Noble County, Ohio. —H. W. Beecher defends Heber Newton. —Utah questions quite prominent. —Mine laws of Pennsylvania to be revised. —Band gang of robbers, Ephrata, Penn., partly captured. —Telephone litigation yet undecided. —Fall River spinners on strike.

Congress.—Against manufacture of dynamite and territory. —Effects of telegraph consolidation to be investigated. —Bills for inspecting provisions, extending signal service, provide for collection of divorce statistics, anti-polygamy, bureau of Animal Industry (whatever it is, retirement of naval officers and relief of commercial travelers; Fitz John Porter case debated at length.

County.—Jan. 25.—Rev. Jos. Cook, of Boston, lectured at Association Hall, Newark, subject "Ultimate America," prefacing it with remarks on the Mormon question, favoring the government of Utah by a Congressional Committee. —An ordinance introduced in Newark Common Council repealing the act of incorporation of 1882. —13th Ward Improvement Association of Newark completes its organization with Wm. Staines, Pres.; E. E. Coe, Secy., and committees on Sanitary, Sewer and Drainage, Public Park, Horse Railroad, Side and Crosswalks, Shade Trees, Gas, Water, Post Office, Fire Alarms, and Local Improvements. —26.—One boy killed and several others severely injured while passing on the streets of Newark. —Peggy, Scully, who injured Jeremiah Ryan so severely in a street fight, in Camden in Feb. 1883, that he afterwards died in St. Michael's hospital, surrendered himself to the authorities of Essex Co. for trial, the law fixing this county as the place of trial because of Ryan's death occurring here. —Aaron B. Harrison, one of the oldest citizens of East Orange, dropped dead at the breakfast table. —Heart disease. —Hong Lee arrested for "kicking wife all same Mexican man." —Jury in "Policy cases" discharged after an all night session without arriving at verdict. —George Guenther, a German, died in St. Michael's Hospital, aged 106 years. —27.—Joseph Halsey, President of the late Mechanics Bank, and a prominent citizen of Newark, died aged 88. —28.—Mutual Benefit Life Ins. Co. of Newark, publishes 39th annual statement; receipts for 1883 were \$6,232,399, and payments, \$4,159,770. Assets \$36,541,242, an increase of \$1,805,234. —Chas. McClosky's sash and blind factory, of Lakeside and Watchung aces, Orange, burned. Loss \$2,500. Insured. —Supposed incendiarism. —29.—The ordinance repealing the civil service ordinance of 1882 passed Newark Common Council by a strict party vote. —George Frank, the young man held as witness in the Thoebe Paulin murder case, who was shot soon after, discharged from arrest. —Chief of Police of Newark prohibits use of all "boobs" for coasting, and sets apart the hills of four streets for mail sheds, detailing officers for duty to guard against accidents. —Citizens Protective Association elect officers and re-

solve to continue to defend the interests of the brewery and saloon keepers. —31.—In the Circuit Court a non-suit granted in the case of David Thompson, of Newark, who sued the N. Y. L. E. & W. R. R. for damages received by a conductor of the Greenwood Lake Road ejecting him from a train between stations on July 4, as the plaintiff failed to prove that the Greenwood Lake road is operated by the N. Y. L. E. & W. —And the *Hose carriage still remains in McDodd's shop undergoing repairs. Aha! aha! aha!*

ABOUT TOWN.

—Dr. T. W. Bennett is again confined to his house by illness.

—Mrs. J. F. Brown has returned to Bloomfield, and is stopping with Mrs. W. P. Lyon.

—Mrs. Wood, aged 85 years, is lying very ill at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. J. C. Suffern, on Franklin Street.

—The matrimonial market has again assumed an active appearance; in the coming fortnight several weddings will take place.

—The seventieth birthday of Mrs. Gallagher, of Glen Ridge, was pleasantly celebrated, by her children and grandchildren, last Monday.

—Mr. D. W. Smith made a flying trip to the Capitol last week. He expressed himself pleased with what he saw at the Government buildings.

—The Sunday School class of Mr. Albert Field has presented to the Methodist School an elegant stand clock and thermometer for the new chapel.

—The off-ice-ails of the City of Newark have forbidden coasting with bobs within the city limits. If a man, however sits down and slides, it will be all right.

—The fair committees are hard at work on Bazar matters. It is perhaps no bizarre statement to say that this will be the finest affair of the kind ever held in Bloomfield.

—A general meeting of the Bloomfield Orphan Asylum Society, for the election of officers and managers, will be held at the residence of Mrs. R. N. Dodd, on Thursday, February 7th, at 2:30 p. m. —The Keating and Lord combination, embracing a number of well-known artists will appear in Jacobus, Hall, Montclair, this evening. Among the vocalists are Miss Georgie Coleman and Miss Lizzie Lanning.

—On Monday evening a number of prominent members of the M. E. Church presented to Mr. W. A. Francis a handsome clock, in appreciation of the valuable service he has rendered to the Church while acting on the Official Board.

—The Young Men's Catholic Union gave an amateur dramatic entertainment in their Hall, Wednesday evening. The hall was about three-quarters filled, and the performance was apparently quite satisfactory to all concerned.

—Quite a number of tickets have been sold for the German Paragon Entertainment. The talent of the Arcadian Dramatic Association is too well appreciated to require much praise. The drama to be presented on the evening of February eighth is "All that Glitters is not Gold."

—The G. A. R., as represented by Pierson Post, are about to give the admirers of the Rev. Mr. Harcourt, lately pastor of the Park M. E. Church, an opportunity to hear him again. Their advertisement tells part of the story, and Mr. Harcourt is abundantly able to speak for himself entertainingly.

—Brookdale has been besieged with the measles for the past three weeks. On January first Mr. John Peters gave a "house warming" soiree, which was attended by members of nearly every family in the village. One young man present was just breaking out with the measles, and in a few days the disease was spread throughout the entire community. About fifty cases are reported.

—In spite of the severe snow storm about seventy enthusiastic lovers of dancing gathered at the residence of Mr. Wm. R. Weeks last Monday evening. Music was furnished by Gieseman, and it was of the kind that compels a rhythmic movement of the feet. A delicious repast was provided by Davis, of Orange. Taken all together the sociable was a decided success.

—Samuel Wilson, a colored man in the employ of Mr. R. N. Dodd, was arrested on Thursday night on a charge of bigamy. Constables Wood, of Newark, and Foster, of Watessing, made the arrest, and the dark-skinned brother turned almost pale when the manacles clicked on his wrists. The charge was preferred by Mr. Dannebacher, and it is said that the first wife is living and that the second died recently in Massachusetts.

—Leap-year sleighing parties are much favored by the young people this winter. They are exceedingly attractive to the young men. Numerous parties have enjoyed themselves in this way during the past few weeks, and each pleasant evening is made merry by the jingle of bells and the blowing of horns. A party of this kind was given by Mrs. Robb's establishment on Tuesday evening.

—Parties who were out late Thursday evening must have had a sweet time wading home. At 11:30 every street lamp in the vicinity of the Seminary had been extinguished, and the darkness was of the kind that is similar to a Watessing hat. (A colored steel engraving of Garfield will be given to the boy who first solves the conundrum). The moisture was particularly numerous at the old familiar crossings on the Avenue and at Washington Street.

—At the Bazar of the B. F. A. one of the most attractive features will be a "Loan Exhibition." Parties having curiosities, family relics, or other articles interesting because of their historical associations or antiquity, which they are willing to lend, will kindly communicate with the "Committee on Loan Collection," Bloomfield P. O. It is hardly necessary to say that the greatest care will be taken of anything loaned to the committee.

—The B. F. A. are going in grandly on their great Bazar. We hope to point with pride to its large success. They have been kindly loaned the whole equipment of flags and signals from the fleet of

steamers connected with the Sea Beach Railroad, and propose to appear in brilliant array. We wish to endorse their proposal for an Art Loan Collection to all our citizens. The hall will be guarded night and day and protected from fire. The collection will be exhibited in the Town Committee Room. And it will be well worth while for Bloomfield to get out her rare and ancient articles. Let us see what our riches really are.

Montclair.

—There is nothing especially new in fire matters. The regular meeting was held on Monday evening last, some new members elected, reports received, and the Bazar of Essex No. 1 announced, and all asked to attend.

LECTURE ON AFRICA.

—When Mr. Chas. A. Johnson stepped upon the platform at Montclair Hall, on Friday evening, Jan. 25th, at the second of the Popular Course of Entertainment, to introduce the lecture of the evening, Mr. P. W. Lyon, and to announce the first Concert of the Course at the Congregational Church, Feb. 1st. The audience hardly half filled the hall. This was a disappointment to those who expected that the house would be filled, but as the lecturer proceeded it was very evident that those who were present were well paid for coming out. Mr. Lyon evidently was "full" of his subject, and proceeded rapidly along, illustrating with a map of Africa and a map of a portion of North America, with the rivers and lakes of Africa, so as to show the relative size of both. A chart giving the names and dates of the different African explorers, and a chart giving the names and square miles of the largest lakes and rivers of the world were also exhibited. The plan of the lecture was to give a short sketch of the work done by each of these explorers, which was accomplished in a few well-chosen words; just enough to make his audience wish for a fuller description of these explorations.

Before Justice Hageman.

—Several civil suits were to come off before the Justice on Monday, but all but two were settled before coming to trial. In these two cases, Dancer vs. Starr Parsons, and Madison vs. Andrews, judgment was given to plaintiffs.

—Lizzie Bound, col'd, of No. 394 Ogden street, Newark, made complaint before Justice Hageman on Wednesday, against her husband, William J., for threatening to cut her throat with a razor. In the absence of a constable, the judge deputed Deputy Sheriff Schoultz to make the arrest. After hearing the case the Court discharged the prisoner, there not being sufficient evidence to hold him. The Justice gave the parties some good advice, and they departed after shaking hands.

—On Friday evening of last week, a trial came off before Justice Hageman for assault and battery, in which a young man named William Howell, of Montclair, was the plaintiff, and Wm. M. Taylor, Peter M. Hall, both trustees of the Methodist church of Montclair, were the defendants. Howell charged that on Sunday evening Jan. 20th, Hall and Taylor forcibly removed him from the church. He was represented by Lawyer VanGieson, and the defendants by Lawyer Condit. The defense claimed that Howell and one Chamberlain had been in the habit of disturbing services for some time previous to that date, and at a meeting of the Board of Trustees, defendants were instructed to request any parties in the habit of making a commotion to take separate seats. As Howell and Chamberlain entered church they were requested to separate, which they refused to do. Trustee Hall attempted to compel them to, when the disturbance took place. The Justice held that although the party had been disorderly in the past, on the occasion there was no cause for action on part of the Trustees. The defendants were held over under \$50 bonds to appear if wanted.

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Amateur Journalism in Bloomfield.

Amateur Journalism in Bloomfield dates back as far as February, 1875, when H. J. Suffern published a paper known as "The Bloomfield Printer," which lasted four months. Eighteen other papers have followed the publication of this one. The first was known as "The Bloomfield News," March, 1875, published by W. and C. Spalding and J. M. Barrett, which lasted one year. The list then runs as follows:—"The Acorn," published by S. J. Miller, April, 1876, which lasted but one month. "The Exchanger," published by W. H. Bartholomew, April, 1875, which lasted two months. "The Gleaner," published by W. Jones, June, 1875, which lasted four months. "The Gem," published by W. Apgar, June, 1875, which lasted two months. "The Monitor," published by H. C. Suffern, September, 1875, which lasted four months. "The Silver Moon," published by W. Apgar, February, 1876, which lasted two months.

Then, after a lapse of four years, came "The Star," published by H. Freeman, Jr., November, 1880, and which is still in existence. "Our Girls," published by E. M. Baldwin, March, 1883, has given it up. "The Atom," published by E. Apgar, June, 1883, is regularly issued. "The Press," published by J. S. Dodd, June, 1883, is still working. "Our Amulet," published by Freeman & Chandler, and then by Freeman & Capen, June, 1883, has been given up. "The Owl," published by W. Kip Farrington, July, 1883, is also discontinued. "The Cricket," published by J. A. Dodd, August, 1883, chirps regularly. "The Item," published by A. C. Hobart, August, 1883, lasted four months. "The Silver Arrow," published by F. Batheider, September, 1883, is still shining. "The Signal," published by Nash Brothers, November, 1883, is waving yet. "The Magnet," to be published by Hobart & Capen, will make its appearance in February, 1884.

There is a society known as the "Bloomfield Amateur Press Association," to which most of the editors of these papers belong. They send out about 300 exchanges to various parts of the U. S. and Canada.

The demand for houses in Bloomfield seems to exceed the supply. Mr. Thos. B. Baxter is advertising for residences of all sorts and prices.

BALLOTS.

"I cannot sing the old songs." No not a single note: My heart and voice would fall me— Because I have sore throat.

Guilty or not guilty? Natt Guilty!

A happy thought—a bright eyed de-ah.

May "Fortune favor the Fair" on Washington's Birthday.

"I've struck oil at last," said Pete Roleum, as he fell over a barrel of kerosene.

"A five thousand pound clock is to be put in the capital at Washington." Time hangs heavy there.

It won't do to swear "by gum" any more. The gum is made of old rubbers, and is not worth a cent.

"Man carves his own fortunes," mused a restaurant keeper, as he cut the roast beef so thin that it looked like a slice of gravy.

Mr. Beatty, of Little Washington, was not afraid of inflation, but he pulled his financial stop at last. That let out altogether too much.

A South Jersey paper says, "Look after the boys and girls." Now, if we remember right, the boys generally look after the girls themselves.

"Florida strawberries are held at five dollars a quart in New York," says an exchange. We should think they would be held for keeps at that price.

What's the difference between drawing a slide and sliding a drawer? In the one case the sliding is done by the slider, and in the other the slider sometimes gets the slider himself.

Abednego has just been married in Pennsylvania. Me-shake will probably stay in the ague district of Illinois. As for Shadrach, unless he is in Chatham Street, there's no knowing where he is.

An Ohio poet remarks cheerfully that "Earth is a gorgeous sponge soaked with divinity." This aberration of intellect shows that he is probably himself a gorgeous sponge soaked with very poor whisky.

"I wonder," soliloquised Mary Jane, "what kind of a sofa the Queen's Bench is anyway. I doubt if it is much better than this though," and she complacently dusted the legs of her grandmother's horse hair lounge.

When Humpty Dumpty fell from the wall, you couldn't put Humpty Dumpty back again. But you could make an omelet of him. Why isn't that done with fallen greatness? Hayes, for instance—the ex-President.

The living skeleton's wife has gone crazy—and the husband of the fat woman lately lauded by her lofty grave. It doesn't pay to marry curiosities, but bones and a temper seem to stand it better than meekness and much flesh.

Mrs. Catharine Malone, of Kingston, Ontario, died, and was put in her coffin. Mrs. Gray, her daughter, tightened up the screws and danced a can-can on the cover. Wasn't this rather a sudden transition from grave to gay? But the coffin wasn't nearly so tight as Mrs. Gray was!

"Say, Mister! Want your sidewalk shovelled off?" asked a small boy, armed with a hugh snow shovel. "No! you little simpleton," growled old Grouty. "Of course I don't, when I just paid money to have it laid down." And the small boy was fain to disappear in a confused manner.

"Have you any works on Theology in your library?" asked a clerical visitor of his host.

"Well, No," hesitatingly replied the latter. "You are not an unbeliever, I hope."

"Oh, no; it is simply a case of 'Faith without works.'"

Oh, Joseph Cook, how can you do it? As it is, we scarcely could cripple through it. For what with a "prelude" and then a "lecture," we all had learned, at last, to respect your unequalled fluidity of speech!

But now, it seems, your notions reach "To an 'interlude' full of question and answer. (Grouty's ghost! and so you can, sir, survey the earth and parcel the heaven. And solve whatever conundrum's given! Don't do it, Joseph; we beg you, beware! For, like the juggler, with all your care you will spin too many plates on your dhin, And the smash will come when the questions begin!

The Business Outlook.

To the Bloomfield Citizen:

I desire to correct your figures on percentage of increase on business firms from 1873 to 1883.

Our basis for calculation must be the number of firms in 1873, which was 548,000—the increase of 280,000 is a fraction over 51 per cent, instead of 33 per cent., as you state in your last editorial—and I accept your correction on the increase of population, so that the case stands: Increase of business firms, 51 per cent.; increase of population, 31 per cent. Otherwise I am satisfied to allow my conclusions, based as I think, on figures that are not distorted, to stand beside your remarks.

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